



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: ANDREA DROLLINGER

Serial Number: 10/532277

Filed: April 21, 2005

Title: SPORTS SHOE

Attorney Docket Number: 14150

RESPONSE to RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Alexandria, VA 22313

14 December 2006

Sir:

This communication is responsive to your Office Action dated 14 November 2006, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire 14 December 2006. This response is timely filed on 14 December 2006.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Species IV Figure 8, as described by the Examiner.

Applicant asserts, however, that Claims 1 and 31, recognized by the Examiner as being generic to all embodiments, contain special technical features which distinguish them over any prior art, and that all Species described by the Examiner are encompassed by these allowable generic claims and should therefore be included in this case.



Respectfully submitted,

Keith H. Orum Attorney Registration No 33985 Attorney for Applicant

DRUM & ROTH LLC 53 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604-3606 TELEPHONE: (312) 922-6262

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "FIRST CLASS MAIL"

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA/22313 op 14 December 2006.

Keith H. Orum